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MANCHESTER CITY TO THRILL SYDNEY FANS

— By PAUL DEAN —

Winners of the English League championship . . . the FA Cup . . . and most recently, of the English League Cup and the European Cupwinners' Cup . . . this is Manchester City, our brilliant visitors.

Coming from Europe's most soccer-crazy city, Joe Mercer's great team promises to be every bit as good as were Everton, Chelsea and Manchester United despite their shock 1-1 draw in Perth last Sunday.

Last year, when the ball was really rolling kindly for them, Manchester City were described as England's most spectacular team.

Shunning the game's defensive trends, Mercer's boys played brilliant, attacking soccer which enthralled even the most fastidious Continental critics.

And this is the stuff we hope to see from the City in Australia as their tour progresses.

English club soccer is now recognised as the best in the world — and Manchester City are worthy exponents of that soccer.

No doubt, the NSW team will try to defend, possibly heroically, to hold Summerbee, Young and the other aces at bay.

But the final result won't matter much, not for the spectators anyway.

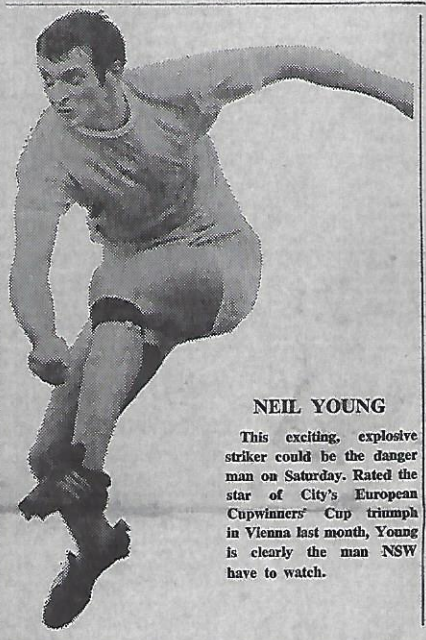
They will come to see a truly great side and what's best in today's modern game.

Certainly, they will hope for a respectable result, perhaps even a surprise; after all, this same NSW did hold the mighty Moscow Dynamos to a great 3-3 draw, and what Western Australia, the minnows of Australian soccer achieved, NSW — the hub of Australian soccer — can emulate.

But Manchester City appear much stronger than the Muscovites; a more professional, more ruthlessly efficient team quite capable of taking on a great deal stronger opponents than our part-timers.

Saturday's match promises to be a soccer fiesta held, let's hope, in front of packed terraces.

And if that is the case, nobody will have any reason to complain, regardless of the final score.



NEIL YOUNG

This exciting, explosive striker could be the danger man on Saturday. Rated the star of City's European Cupwinners' Cup triumph in Vienna last month, Young is clearly the man NSW have to watch.

Two of the many stars

Although both manager Joe Mercer and trainer Malcolm Allison would strongly deny this, Manchester City has its fair share of stars.

Through character, playing ability and achievement, some of their players inevitably receive more attention than the others.

Take, for example, 35-year-old fullback Tony Book.

At an age when most are thinking about retirement, he continues to perform the unobtrusive, but vitally important role of general behind an all-star cast.

Tony Book is stage manager of Manchester City's smash hit.

Boss Joe Mercer has said of Book, on several occasions:

"He's a revelation . . . his ability to read a game is something almost phenomenal."

Book was not considered by Sir Alf Ramsey, because of his age.

But Book has shown, time and again, that age means little.

Much has been said and written about Book's amazing rise to fame.

It was so late in his life — for a footballer that is — that it seemed unbelievable.

Most players of his age — he was 31 when City paid Plymouth the £17,500 transfer fee — were on the way down, not taking a giant step upwards.

When he signed, Mercer's comment was: "We should get four years of good service from Tony, maybe more."

That must go down as one of the understatements of the sixties.

Book has led City to a League championship, an FA Cup final victory, a League Cup final success and triumph in this season's European Cup Winners' Cup.

"MR. UNIVERSE"

The build of a "Mr. Universe" — that's Alan Oakes, recently described by Malcolm Allison as the "best professional I have trained."

At six feet, 180 pounds with legs like tree trunks and a husky frame, Oakes is a mountain of a man in all respects.

He has been with City for 10 years and has nearly 400 League games behind him.

This 27-year-old gentle giant is to City what Moore is to West Ham or Hunter to Leeds.

He can plough 60 or 70 yards with the ball; his distribution is excellent, his tackling hard.

When City are on top, Oakes is in the middle directing, probing, pushing the ball up; when they are defending he's back blocking and coaxing.

● **Brief pen-portraits of all the other Manchester City players on page 3.**

TONY BOOK

MANCHESTER CITY TOUR SCHEDULE

The Manchester City Australian tour schedule is:

v. NSW — Sydney, May 16.
v. QLD. — Brisbane, May 17.
v. VIC. — Melbourne, May 24.
v. NSW — Sydney, May 30.

SYDNEY'S LIKELY LINE-UPS

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BLITZ	11	BOWYER

Reserves: Fraser, Wilson, Campbell, Alston, Denton.

Reserves: Corrigan, Towers, Donachie, Jeffries.

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC.

Contest — Part 5

Part 5 of the fabulous SOCCER WORLD-FLOTTA LAURO Tipping Contest starts this week.

See coupon for May 23-24 games on page 8.

Entries must reach us by 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, to be valid.

READERS' LETTERS

ANGRY APIA PROTEST

What has happened to soccer reporting in Sydney?

I ask this question with reference to the poor quality of reporting and the indifferent attitude that was shown by the Sydney newspapers with regard to the Inter-City Ampol Cup final played in Melbourne last weekend between Hellas and APIA.

George Blues, who was returning to Sydney with his team-mates on Saturday morning was faced with reading the inaccurate statement in the "Telegraph" that the goal which he scored was alleged to have been scored by someone who does not even belong to APIA!

Here, I am referring to Archie Blue, who now plays for Western Suburbs.

He has been there for at least two and a half months, but it would appear that our soccer scribes are "slightly" behind with the soccer news.

However, there is one thing that must be said in the "Telegraph's" favor, and this is that the "Telegraph" at least reported the result of the Cup final, whereas the "Herald" kept the public in the dark altogether.

Evidently, they forgot, or perhaps did not consider it to be of sufficient importance to mention that this was a cup final, that it was sponsored most generously by Ampol, and that it had been won by a Sydney club — namely APIA.

E. Guido,
President, APIA-Leichhardt Soccer Club.

REFEREES

FIRST DIVISION:

Prague v. South Sydney — N. Jones; Canterbury v. Ryde — P. Rampley; Melita Eagles v. Hakoah — H. Parsons; Pan Hellenic v. Marconi — F. Sbisa; APIA v. Auburn — N. Campbell.

SECOND DIVISION:

Granville v. Sutherland — L. Rae; Concordia v. Western Suburbs — A.R. Brown; Polonia v. Manly — K. Lockrey; Artarmon v. Bankstown — M. Buchanan; Hornsby v. NS-Inter — E. Truppe; Balgownie v. Corinthians — J. Henkelman.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Hakoah's praiseworthy PROMOTION EFFORTS paid dividends last Sunday when despite opposition from APIA and Pan Hellenic matches almost 8,000 fans turned up at Wentworth Park — about twice as many as would have attended a "normal" Hakoah-St. George match. Hakoah invested more than $500 in pre-match publicity and other clubs must now follow their lead if they want to boost their home gates. Since the NSW Executive is either unable or unwilling to promote club football, it's up to the clubs to help themselves.

South Sydney inside forward KEITH ROSS is showing up well in the reserves, and may soon get the nod from the selectors for a run in the first team.

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If you know of a LADIES' SOCCER TEAM on the lookout for social matches contact Miss Brenda Smith at Hawthorne Road, Bargo, 2574. This little country town has a highly successful ladies' team, but has run out of local opponents and is now keen to take on the city "chicks". So all you lady secretaries, get busy and drop Brenda a line.

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On Tuesday, May 26, the MANCHESTER CITY party will hold a full-scale coaching demonstration in Wollongong.

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Canterbury not only won two points at Woonona last Sunday, but also took home the annual MAY DAY SHIELD presented by the Wollongong Trade and Labor Council to the winner of their match against South Coast. Demopoulos and McGunnigle also won "best and fairest" awards donated by the Council.

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MIKE JOHNSTON has retired as a player. From now on he will concentrate on coaching his youthful Sutherland charges from the sidelines.

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At MONA PARK last Saturday the public address system broadcast that "Prague led Ryde 2-1 into the second half". It was the other way round... The erroneous information was promptly passed on to the television audience watching the Marconi v. Auburn match.

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STEVEN FROUDE, an 18-year-old who was an apprentice professional with Rotherham and then joined Peterborough in the UK, has been released and has signed for Auburn.

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If top referee FRANK SBISA is ever out of a job he should have no trouble getting one as dog-catcher. Last Sunday week in the match at Hurstville Oval, Sbisa provided one of the few thrills of an otherwise drab St. George v. Melita match when he smartly collared two stray dogs who wandered on the field at the same time.

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KARL JAROS, Melita Eagles' coach, dismissed reports that he may stage a comeback as completely unfounded.

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The Manchester City contingent will be ENTERTAINED at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club on Thursday, May 28.

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Crowds at soccer matches may be on the downward slide, but not for lack of knowledge of the game. Of the reported 20,000 people who tried to win the Daily Mirror "Free trip for two to Mexico" 1762 had the right solutions and of these 35 submitted the right solutions for the second lot of pictures, and are now locked in combat for a third lot of pictures... Not a bad effort.

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The VENUE for the Western Suburbs v. Jardine match is not yet decided but is likely to be the Sportsground. The visitors from Hong Kong will play in Newcastle 48 hours later — on June 12.

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Blacktown Spurs are organising this year's HOSPITAL CUP for under-7 teams on Sunday, June 7. Interested club secretaries, please ring 622-2674.

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Melita Eagles' right full-back BOBBY HUNTER returned to Sydney last Sunday after a five-week visit to his family in Scotland.

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GAR HOGAN, for many years Hornsby-NE's pivot has retired.

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DENNIS MADDEN, one of Bankstown's most experienced players despite his age, missed his second penalty kick last weekend against Polonia. In the previous Bankstown fixture he missed a penalty against Concordia.

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BILL HUTCHISON, who went to Corinthians early in the season, has returned back to Manly and played against Concordia last Sunday.

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Prague secretary, GEORGE WARNER, left for a business trip to the Far East and Europe last Sunday and will be away for seven weeks.

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BERT IRELAND, the former Dundee and East Fife forward who came to Sydney for Hakoah and only stayed in Australia for a few weeks, recently signed for Scottish Second Division side Montrose. Ireland played the last three league games of the season for Montrose.

St. George-Budapest's DEFERRED MATCH against APIA will be played at Marks Field on Wednesday night, May 20.

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The CONCORD Sydney Amateur League club still requires a goalkeeper. Ring R. Beard on 54-1715.

SAINTS WIN

South Coast's drastically reshuffled team, with seven players in new positions, held St. George-Budapest for almost an hour in last Wednesday week's competition match at Marks Field.

A brilliant three-goal burst by the St. George forward-line, however, put paid to United's hopes of lifting themselves from the bottom of the table and gave the Hakoah-chasing Saints a comfortable victory.

Despite well-taken goals by Warren and Denton, it was Abonyi who starred as his team's architect of victory.

St. George: Fraser 3, Sandell 3, Morgan 4, Schaefer 3, Bird 3, Cliss 4, Abonyi 5, Warren 4, Ainslie 3, Alston 3, Denton 3. Total. 38.

South Coast: Ramage 2, Hall 3, Cuthbert 2, Walker 3, Wilson 3, Tolson 4, Gleeson 3, McAvoy 3, Tristram 2, Armstrong 3, McGunnigle 4. Total: 32.

Scorers: Denton 30 & 58 mins., Warren 47 & 63 mins., Abonyi 89 min., for St. George; Armstrong 20 min. (penalty), Tolson 48 min. for South Coast.

Crowd: 1,005.

WESTS STAND UP FOR HOME OVAL

Western Suburbs Soccer Club's hopes of leasing Drummoyne Oval on a "long-term" basis now rests on the approval of the Minister of Lands, Mr. T. L. Lewis.

The club, which for some time has been striving to acquire a permanent home ground in the district, has sought a 10-year lease of the Oval in conjunction with the Drummoyne Rugby Union Club.

At its March meeting, Drummoyne Municipal Council approved the granting of the lease to these clubs and an attempt by the United Ratepayers' Party to have this decision rescinded was defeated 8-4 at the beginning of April.

However, it is still opposing the move and has now submitted a petition to the Minister against the lease which was countered by petitions by both Wests and the Union clubs in favor of the lease.

One of the party's objections — which was strongly refuted by Wests' officials — is the claim that $100,000 of the Council's money will be spent for "licensed club facilities".

Wests' officials say that the true facts are that under a 10-year lease the two clubs will pay the Council $41,000 spread over the period and the conditions of the lease would be basically the same as the existing year-to-year basis with no radical changes to the Oval itself.

Both clubs have also indicated they will share costs with Council for immediate improvements to lighting facilities urgently required for training purposes.

Wests secretary, Gordon Stratford, told me this week that if the club is to contribute towards improving facilities at the Oval, it was only fair to expect some sort of a safeguard in return for its investment.

"It was never our intention to take over Drummoyne Oval and we resent the inference to this effect," he said.

The United Ratepayers' Party is also objecting to "chaotic parking" and although nothing has been levelled at the Union Club and at the present status of Wests, while the club is still in Second Division, concern was expressed for the time when Wests eventually play in First Division.

If the Minister of Lands gives his consent, the Council will discuss with the clubs agreements to be drawn up covering the terms of the lease.

It is understood that the Council, during the course of the lease will prepare a plan to implement improvements which would include additional seating, improved dressing rooms, kiosk facilities, grandstand extensions, etc.

— CHARLES SPITERI

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Group II.: Uruguay, Israel, Italy, Sweden

ITALIANS VOW TO MAKE AMENDS FOR '66 FLOP

— By PAUL DEAN —

This group will have special interest to Australians: had we managed to eliminate Israel, we would have been drawn in this elite company.

This group includes two countries, Uruguay and Italy, who have both won the Cup twice in the past and Sweden who, in 1958, reached the final and went down to Brazil.

In some ways one could say that both Uruguay and Italy belong to soccer's glorious past while Sweden had their fling only once, when playing at home.

But this wouldn't be fair, particularly to the Italians who in 1968 won the European Championship and, at least on club level, have been highly successful in recent years.

Talented Italians

Let's start the preview with Italy who, in most opinions, will start favorites of this group.

The mere mention of the word "Coreani" will bring back painful memories to the Italians: their incredible defeat at the hands of North Korea in the 1966 World Cup at Sunderland.

However, all the recriminations are now half forgotten — and the Italians want to avoid a similar embarrassment in Mexico.

Italy is not short of talent; some would say there is too much of it, most of it highly individualistic.

One of the main problems the Italians will have to sort out is the clash in styles and personalities between their brilliant forwards, Mazzola and Rivera.

Time and time again they have proved that they cannot play side by side and so manager Valcareggi will have to decide whom to leave out: the brilliant, scheming prompter, Rivera or the fast, direct Mazzola?

Whoever finally gets the nod, will have some brilliant partners in attack: Cagliari's high-scoring Riva and probably either Domenghini or Anastasi.

In midfield Fiorentina's De Sisti, in defence Facchetti, Salvadore, Poletti, Ferrante and Niccolai are the first choices while in goal Zoff, Albertosi or Vieri could make the starting team.

Such a star-studded line-up would suggest strong possibilities of success, even final triumph.

But Italian soccer doesn't always travel well; away from home, especially the sultry atmosphere of Naples, the Azzurris often allow inferior opponents to tame them.

Italy is likely to use their peculiar 1-3-1-2-3 system which, if played well, can be extremely flexible and not at all ultra-defensive.

In this formation Rivera's presence seems absolutely essential — even if they have to sacrifice Mazzola.

Israeli outsiders

Israel, despite their European-style preparations in the Swiss mountains and their several lead-up games, must face Mexico with some trepidation.

Their reasonable showing in the 1968 Olympic tournament should give them no false sense of security; this hurdle will be infinitely more difficult.

With due respect to Australia's conquerors, Israel's chances in the World Cup finals are minimal — or less.

Despite the enormous improvement over the last 10 years, they are still well behind world standards.

As everybody in Sydney had a chance to see, Israel plays a tactically sound game, obviously well rehearsed and drilled — but at a modest level.

Their defenders, mainly Rosen, Primo and Bello, are all good players, yet will have an awful lot of trouble with both the elusive Italians and the tough Swedes.

Rosenthal and Bar in midfield cannot possibly hope to dominate proceedings in any of their matches.

Their two class players, Shpigel and Shpigler, would be good enough to cause some havoc with a few defences — if they saw enough of the ball.

But this is unlikely to happen.

It would be an extraordinary achievement for Israel not to lose all their matches.

Uruguay's problems

Uruguay offer two happy contrasting styles; they are much tougher than the other South Americans, much more disciplined on the field — and yet,, individually, just as good ball-players as the Brazilians.

Their trouble lies elsewhere. Uruguay soccer for ages has been dominated by two clubs, Penarol and Nacional who just about dictate to the association (UAF).

Only recently when the association suspended for three. months two Penarol stars, Caetano and Cortes, for taking drugs — all the other national team players, on the advice of their union, went on strike.

This, on the eve of their preparations for Mexico, must have despaired their manager, Juan Hohberg, himself a star of the 1954 World Cup series.

Despaired him — but not surprised him, as in Uruguay, like elsewhere in South America, club soccer comes first and the national team a very poor second.

Still, Hohberg is optimistic, despite Uruguay's very indifferent lead-up matches in recent weeks against Bulgarian and Rumanian opposition, all in Montevideo.

Hohberg wants to play with a "libero", or freeback, behind his defensive quartet, with the two orthodox fullbacks being used as alternate wingers.

I am convinced, ,however, that Uruguay's style and tactics will be very similar to those they employed in the 1966 series.

There, whenever they wanted to avoid defeat, they simply "froze" the ball in midfield, slowly, almost lazily stroking it from man to man without the slightest intention of going forward.

With their immaculate ball control, they can do this; however, it rarely gives them a chance to attack and score goals. And against Italy and Sweden draws may not be enough.

Tough Swedes

Sweden's hopes rest largely on their foreign legion — players who appear for various other European clubs.

Manager Orvar Bergmark readily admits that the cream of his country's talent is scattered all over Europe and without them Sweden could only send a very modest team to Mexico.

Ove Kindvall, who scored Feyenoord's winning goal last week in the European Cup final against Celtic; Ove Grahn of Grasshoppers Zurich; Axelsson with Belgium's Bruges and Persson with Glasgow Rangers — these will be Bergmark's aces.

Sweden, playing in a 4-3-3 formation, are tough opponents for anybody.

They like to play the game hard, with crunching tackles and plenty of body contact — something that will certainly upset the Uruguayans and even the Italians.

They usually last the 90 minutes well, though in Mexico's rarified atmosphere and heat, the Swedes are likely to suffer more than most others.

It would be grossly unfair to claim that all the good Swedish players are abroad.

Take Leif Eriksson, from Orebro, their midfield star who usually wears No. 10 shirt but plays drawn back.

A qualified lawyer by profession, Eriksson is a very skilled, polished performer who has refused many tempting offers from France and Belgium.

Defender and captain Bjorn Nordquist of IFK Norrkoping, midfielder Larsson of Malmo FF and Ove Eklund, a forward with Atvidaberg, are other home-based aces in Bergmark's team.

But the real stars — well, they are still the "legionaries".

Aggressive

Kindvall is one of Europe's best goal-getters, a stocky, aggressive fellow.

Axelsson, now stopper of Bruges, is intelligent, determined and a splendid "reader" of the game.

Persson, Glasgow Rangers' left wing star, is as elusive as was Tom Finney, Magnusson, the right winger of Marseille, is rated as one of the best in Europe and then there is young Tommy Nordahl, son of an equally famous footballing father, the striker of Belgian Anderlecht whose partnership with Kindvall can be quite menacing.

On paper at least, Sweden can look most impressive; certainly more so than Uruguay.

But the big question is if Bergmark will have the time and chance to blend his players together in the couple of weeks they have together before the World Cup.

Despite their shortcomings and lack of true "club spirit", I fancy the Italians to win this group.

Unless internal combustion once again explodes this talented side, they should go a fair way in the World Cup, though I can't see them win it.

If Sweden can blend, I expect them to join Italy in the quarterfinals; otherwise Uruguay, more familiar with the terrain, should make the last eight.

As for Israel — well, bless them . . .

HELP LEGACY all the year round

City players' pen portraits

Even without Colin Bell and Francis Lee, both now in Mexico with the England team, Manchester City has a tremendously impressive list of players.

Their brief portraits:

● **HARRY DOWD,** (goalkeeper), 32. Joined City in July 1960. Started game late in life after completing apprenticeship as a plumber. Member of City's 1969 FA Cup winning side.

● **JOE CORRIGAN** (goalkeeper). Took over from Harry Dowd at the start of the 1969-70 season and made rapid progress. Played for England Under-23 team v. Russia in October. Had not missed a game until City slumped in the League and lost his place to Ken Mulhearn.

● **GLYN PARDOE** (fullback). Signed as apprentice pro. July 2 , 1961. Won prominence as a centre-forward in England Boys' team. Youngest City player at 15 years, 314 days, v. Birmingham, April 11, 1962. Converted to left-back October, 1966. Has won four England Under-23 honours and Second Division championship medal (1965-66), First Division championship medal (1967-68) and FA Cup winner's medal in 1969.

● **MIKE DOYLE** (half). Played for Stockport Boys and Cheshire Boys before joining City as an apprentice. Signed as professional May 26, 1964. Eight England Under-23 appearances, Second Division championship medal (1965-66), League championship medal (1967-68) and FA Cup winner's medal in 1969.

● **TOMMY BOOTH** (stopper). Joined City as an amateur and signed professional August 26, 1967. Made his first-team debut v. Huddersfield Town in the Football League Cup in September, 1968. FA Cup winner's medal in 1969. Went on the summer tour with the England Under-23 party and played v. Portugal.

● **MIKE SUMMERBEE** (winger). Joined City from Swindon on August 20, 1965, for a fee of £35,000. Debut v. Middlesbro' the following day in Second Division, having made his League debut at the age of 16 for Swindon Town in 1958-59. Second Division championship medal (1965-66), First Division championship medal (1967-68), FA Cup winner's medal in 1969 and has also a Third Division runners-up medal with Swindon in 1962-63. Three England caps.

● **NEIL YOUNG** (striker). Joined City as a junior from school and signed professional February 2, 1961. League debut v. Aston Villa, November 25, 1961. Shared in all City's triumphs in the 60's, winning Second Division, First Division championship medals and FA Cup winner's medal when he scored the only goal v. Leicester City.

● **IAN BOWYER** (winger). Like his manager, Joe Mercer, comes from Ellesmere Port. Made his debut last season v. Newcastle. Has come up from the juniors and has attained remarkable maturity this season.

● **GEORGE HESLOP** (stopper). One of soccer's most loyal reserves. For years he was Labone's understudy at Everton, before joining City for £28,000. There he played with distinction until November 1968 when Booth replaced him; since then he has been City's chief defensive reserve. Toured Australia with Everton six years ago.

● **FRANK CARRODUS** (right winger). This 19-year-old signed late last year from Altrincham and had his first game against Arsenal in February. In 1969 this youngster was only playing in a small town's Grammar School Old Boys' team, a Sunday League side, while studying to be a civil engineer.

● **BOBBY OWEN,** young, highly promising midfield player, signed from Bury in 1968 for £40,000.

WILLIE DONACHIE (midfielder), **DERICK JEFFRIES** (wing-half) and **TONY TOWERS** (wing-half) are all apprentice professionals without League experience although the latter played in the European Cup-winners' Cup final in Vienna.

Mercer has won all the honors

Joe Mercer has added to the most astonishing record in soccer when Manchester City beat West Bromwich in the League Cup final and then won the European Cup-winners' Cup recently.

Mercer is the only man ever to play in and manage teams that won both the First Division championship and the FA Cup.

As a wing-half, he gained championship medals with Everton (1938-39) and Arsenal (1947-48 and 1953-54) and helped the Gunners win the Cup in 1950 — when he was also elected Footballer of the Year.

ASTON VILLA

As a manager, Mercer guided Manchester City to the title in 1967-68, two years after they had topped the Second Division, and he led them to their Wembley victory over Leicester last season.

Mercer was manager of Aston Villa when they became the first holders of the League Cup in 1960-61, and when they reached the final in 1962-63.

He was also in charge when they gained promotion from the Second Divsion in 1960.

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1 (0)
Butler 50 min.

Marconi
3 (1)
Jones 43 min., Malone 47 min., J. Giacometti 85 min.

Auburn
0 (0)

Sth. Coast
1 (1)
Tristram 35 min.

Canterbury
2 (1)
Wilson (o.g.) 11 mins., Galbraith 50 min.

Melita E.
1 (0)
Hoare 68 min.

A.P.I.A
0 (0)

South Sydney
2 (2)
Taylor 24 min., F. Cush 30 min.

P. Hellenic
1 (0)
Harding 78 min.

Hakoah
2 (1)
Baartz 20 min., Keddie 77 min.

St. George
1 (0)
Abonyi 65 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Cajkusic 3, Crnic 4, Nacinovic 3, Waters 4, Rudic 3, Rafaneli 4, J. Alagich 3, Bert 3, Brajkovic 4, Takac 3 (replaced by Dickinson 74 min.), Duggan 3.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Match rating: ✱ ✱ ✱

King 3, Harcombe 4, Tracey 4, Rootsey 4, Blacker 3, Reilly 3 (Tansley 4), G. Manuel 2, Butler 3, Rooney 3 (replaced by McLoughlin 78 min.), Tooma 2, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 35: Coach: W. Tamandl.

Murray 4, Roche 4, Nuttall 3, Connolly 4, Taylor 3, *Moschen* 5, Griffiths 3 (replaced by G. Giacometti 58 min.), J. Giacometti 3, Malone 4, Scheinflug 3, Jones 4.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: ✱ ✱ ✱

Taylor 4, Selfridge 3, Brady 4, Stewart 3, Strachan 3, Moffatt 4, McDowell 3, Hawkins 2 (Edwards 3), Haggett 2, Schneider 4, Lambert 2 (replaced by Di Santi 62 min.).

TOTAL: 34. Coach: D. Holden.

Ramage 3, Hall 4, *Cuthbert* 5, Walker 2 (replaced by Tuckerman 65 min.), Wilson 3, Gleeson 4, McAvoy 4, Armstrong 3, Tolson 3, Tristram 3, McGunnigle 3.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: ✱ ✱ ✱

Demopoulos 3, Raeburn 3, Harris 3, *H. Xipolitas* 5, J. Xipolitas 4, Galbraith 3, Thompson 3, Whitehead 4, Bamforth 3, Hardy 3, Massi 3.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: T. Kostadakopoulos.

Eaton 5, *Knaus* 5, Hewlett 4, De Bruin 4, Edwards 4, Duffy 3, Thorne 3, McAusland 4, Maloney 4, Martin 3 (Hoare 4), MacDougall 4.

TOTAL: 43. Coach: K. Jaros.

Match rating: ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱

Rorke 4, Keith 4, Ackerley 4, McGillivray 3, Bottalico 3, McKinnon 3, *Blues* 5, Ridley 2, Campbell 4, Foster (replaced by MacKinnon 37 min. 3), Montgomery 4.

TOTAL: 39. Coach: F. Dunaj.

Corry 4, *Lincoln* 5, Mellish 3, McDonald 4, Shepherd 3, Wright 4, R. Cush 3, Watson 2 (replaced by Reynolds 83 min.), Doyle 3, F. Cush 4, Taylor 3.

TOTAL: 38. Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: ✱ ✱ ✱

Clarke 3, Apostilidis 3, Henson 3, McCulloch 3, Stanley 4, Hignett 3, Povey 3, Harding 3, Smith 4, Moulson 2 (replaced by McDermott 65 min.), Vrolyks 2 (replaced by Barboutis 46 min.).

TOTAL: 33. Coach: G. Yangou.

Haffey 4, Davey 4, Yaager 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Walsh 4, Blitz 4, Fekete 3, Keddie 3, Baartz 4, Rutherford 3 (replaced by Hennessy 63 min.).

TOTAL: 39. Coach: M. Jones.

Match rating: ✱ ✱ ✱

Fraser 3, Sandell 3, Morgan 3, Schaefer 4, Bird 3, Cliss 3, Abonyi 3, Warren 4, Ainslie 4 (replaced by Harris 73 min.), Alston 3, Denton 3.

TOTAL: 36. Coach: F. Arok.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Two well-taken first half goals reflected Ryde's marked advantage up to halftime. Playing some intelligent football they had the Prague defence in all sorts of bother, while at the other end little was seen of the Prague forwards. It was a different story, however, straight after the interval as Prague threw themselves into attack, scored a quick goal and looked set to notch at least another against an increasingly panicky Ryde defence. The equaliser, however, never came. The Ryde defence regained its composure and forced their opponents into errors. Ryde, on the whole, deserved the two points.

Crowd: 1,260. Referee: N. Campbell.

— LOU GAUTIER

The score does not flatter Auburn who had almost as many chances as Marconi. Auburn, however, just couldn't capitalise while Marconi were models of opportunism. The match was played at a fast tempo with play fluctuating from one end to the other. While Auburn saw plenty of the ball, they could not match Marconi in midfield and in defence where newcomer Alfredo Moschen reigned supreme. Had Moschen played for Auburn, victory might have gone to the other side. An encouraging win for Marconi, but certainly not a tragic defeat for the maturing Auburn.

Crowd: 1,000. Referee: H. Parsons.

— MIKE RENWICK

South Coast made all the play, yet were astonishingly defeated after 90 minutes of exciting football. The provincials were in control throughout but their forwards couldn't finish off their many chances and were unable to master a Canterbury defence which played heroically. Inspired by the brilliant H. Xipolitas, the Berries adopted effective off-side tactics which time and again "bamboozled" the local forwards. If goals didn't count in soccer, United would have been declared convincing winners on points. Hats off, however, to Canterbury for a non-stop effort and a tremendous morale-boosting victory.

Crowd: 2,080. Referee: F. Sbisa

— PETER SCHUMACHER

Melita took out the honors simply because they tackled relentlessly, and never allowed their opponents any room in midfield. Unyielding and determined, the Melita defence was always in control and when the APIA forwards — who were strangely lethargic — broke through, they came up against a brilliant Terry Eaton. The match produced some exciting and thrilling soccer as the ball see-sawed from one end to the other in a high standard match. APIA, without big Jim Sambrook in the centre were somewhat slower than usual, and this enabled Melita's three young dashers, Maloney, Martin and MacDougall, to keep the pressure on by chasing every ball to the line. Eaton and Knaus for Melita, and APIA's Blues were the stars of the match.

Crowd: 2,517. Referee: K. Lockrey.

—CHARLES SPITERI

Dennis Wright had an inspired first half. He and Ken McDonald held the midfield in an iron grip, and Souths turned on a class of football that stressed the poverty of Pan Hellenic, who relied unsuccessfully on the off-side trap. To be sure, the trap worked successfully almost countless times, but the twice it didn't, Taylor and Frank Cush were through. Barboutis and McDermott helped Pan Hellenic click in the second half. In a dramatic swing about, they shook Souths for most of the 45 minutes, yet the draw they worked so hard for finally eluded them.

Crowd: 2,334. Referee: P. Rampley.

— KEITH GILMOUR

The importance and tension of Sydney's "match of the year" took its toll on the players and the standard wasn't as satisfying as was eagerly anticipated. That Hakoah were the better team and deserved their win few would argue even though St. George staged a spirited revival in the first 25 minutes after the interval which almost turned a one-goal deficit into a 2-1 lead. Hakoah, however, recovered their composure to finish on a stronger note and clinch the two points with 13 minutes to spare. Hakoah's superior defence was the deciding factor and for the first time in the current championship outshone their explosive forward-line. Saints never really got going in attack. The few times they did break through their shots were parried by their former team-mate, Frank Haffey.

Crowd: 7,824. Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

COACHES COMMENT

Leo Baumgartner: "Despite some lapses early in the second half, Yugal, I thought, more than deserved their win. The boys played particularly well in the first half."

Walter Tamandl: "Our defence let in two silly goals in the first half. In the second half our forwards couldn't quite press home their big advantage. That sums it up pretty well."

Les Scheinflug: "This display shows we are better than some people think. Auburn are no slouches and the 3-0 margin in our favor is encouraging for Marconi."

Doug Holden: "When you fritter away as many chances as our forwards you cannot expect to win!"

Tommy Anderson: "A very disappointing result. We had all the play, yet couldn't score."

Trojan Kostadakopoulos: "I'm delighted to start off with a win. From here on Canterbury will go on to bigger and better things."

Karl Jaros: "It was a good win and we played well, never allowing APIA to settle down at any stage of the game. We deserved the two points."

Ferdo Dunaj: "Melita fought very well and although we had chances in the first half the better team on the day won. APIA, however, were still tired from Friday's tough match in Melbourne."

Laurie Hegyes: "I still can't see why we let Pan Hellenic off the hook in the second half. We should have been home and hosed."

George Yangou: "Both South's first half goals were lucky for them. We fought back hard, but without luck."

Mick Jones: "It wasn't easy, but I thought we always had the situation under control. I'm very pleased with the way the boys fought throughout."

Frank Arok: "We should have held out for the draw we deserved on our second half display. In such a capital match as this, it's suicidal to give away the goals we did."

SUNDAY'S CLUB GAMES MAY AGAIN PROVIDE SURPRISES

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Although Sunday's Sydney championship round may seem somewhat anti-climatic after Saturday's international, last week's topsy-turvy form seems to indicate that all five matches set down for decision could go either way this week.

After Melita Eagles' shock victory over APIA, even Hakoah, despite their majestic domination of the local scene, cannot feel all that safe of returning from Mona Park with the two points.

Melita's solid defence, however, will have their hands full coping with Sydney's most explosive forward-line, especially if the goal-crazy Ray Baartz escapes unscathed from the Manchester City match.

Hakoah would have to slump badly not to take both points, but Melita, provided their defence holds, have an outside chance of creating a huge surprise by forcing a draw.

Ryde, on the up and up, come up against Canterbury, last week's most unexpected victors.

Although winning at Woonona is easier these days, their 2-1 victory over South Coast was a tremendous result — and a big morale-booster, for the Berries, who may have been buried once again too soon.

Ryde will be much harder to toss than the ailing provincials.

POTENTIAL

At Marks Field, the disappointing Prague, who often flatter only to deceive, will have their hands full against a South Sydney team which is starting to show glimpses of its undoubted potential.

The goal-shy forwards on each side hold the key to the outcome, but Souths may have the edge as Doyle is shaping up as a more consistent striker — and goalscorer — than any one Prague can offer at this stage.

Unless Gary Manuel starts showing a semblance of form, Butler and Armytage will still be left to their own devices in a forward-line which is again Prague's undoing.

Souths to win, but a draw is a distinct possibility if Prague's forwards find their shooting boots.

APIA must score a handsome win over Auburn to convince their fans they are still a major force in Sydney soccer.

Their defeat against Melita last week may have been caused by their tough game 48 hours earlier in Melbourne when they clinched the inter-city Ampol Cup final.

On Sunday they may again be handicapped as they could have up to four players in the State side the day before.

ROUND 7

Auburn, who came unstuck against Marconi, may take advantage of this, but APIA, at Lambert Park can always be relied on to turn on power soccer, and they should win, though perhaps not as easily as their supporters hope.

LIMITATIONS

Pan Hellenic could be hard pressed to arrest their downslide against the ambitious Marconi, who showed promise last Saturday.

Pan Hellenic's severe limitations are being exposed almost every week, and it's now obvious they need at least half a new team to stay away from the lower reaches of the competition table.

As they'll be fielding the same old faces against Scheinflug's charges, it's hard to see their ailing attack causing too much trouble to the Moschen-led Marconi defence, which is now on a par with their fast-moving forward-line.

The better organised Marconi should win.

VITAL STATISTICS

APIA v. Auburn 9-2-5

APIA's last home defeat was way back in 1960 — but last year at Lambert Park they were held to a 0-0 draw.

Melita Eagles v. Hakoah 1-1-4

Their three matches so far at Mona Park have netted only two goals, each winning once 1-0 and once drawing 0-0.

Prague v. South Sydney 8-2-4

Prague at home have not lost since 1963 and drew only in 1967.

Canterbury v. Ryde 4-0-8

Ryde have a great record at Arlington; they have won all but one (1963) of their matches there.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Melita Eagles' exciting prospect, 16-year-old VLADIMIR KNAUS, so brilliant at fullback against APIA, is our Player of the week.

His prize is a dinner for two offered by the SHORE MOTEL in their fabulous LE MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT, 450 Pacific Highway, Artarmon.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

EATON (Melita)

KNAUS (Melita) — CUTHBERT (SCU)

MARNOCH (Hakoah)

H. XIPOLITAS (Canterbury) — MOSCHEN (Marconi)

WHITEHEAD (Canterbury) — BAARTZ (Hakoah)

BLUES (APIA) — BRAJKOVIC (Ryde) — JONES (Marconi)

TIPSTERS' CORNER

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

	P. Dean	L. Gautier	K. Gilmour	C. Spiteri	F. Jordan	Most favored
Prague v. South Sydney	1	2	1	1	1	1
Canterbury v. Ryde	2	2	2	x	2	2
Melita Eagles v. Hakoah	2	2	2	x	2	2
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi	2	2	2	2	2	2
APIA v. Auburn	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Sutherland	2	2	2	2	2	2
Concordia v. Wests	2	2	2	2	2	2
Polonia v. Manly	1	1	1	1	1	1
Artarmon v. Bankstown	1	2	2	1	1	1
Hornsby v. NS-Inter	2	2	2	2	2	2
Balgownie v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1

How they tipped: Lou Gautier, C. Spiteri 45; K. Gilmour 42; F. Jordan 39; P. Dean 33.

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Auburn	Canterbury	South Sydney	Hakoah	Marconi	Melita Eagles	Pan Hellenic	Prague	St. George	South Coast	Ryde
APIA	●			3-0		2-1						1-2
Auburn		●	6-5	3-2			0-0				4-0	1-2
Canterbury	1-1		●		0-6					1-4		
South Sydney				●		1-1		2-1			4-2	
Hakoah		7-1			●			5-1	6-1	2-1		
Marconi		3-0			0-3	●						3-1
Melita Eagles	1-0		1-1				●	0-2				
Pan Hellenic								●		0-3		2-2
Prague			3-0				1-1		●		2-0	
St. George							3-0		3-1	●	5-2	
South Coast			1-2			3-1		2-3			●	
Ryde									2-1			●

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RYDE
CAJKUSIC, CRNIC, NACINOVIC, WATERS, RUDIC, RAFANELI, J. ALAGICH, BERT, BRAJKOVIC, TAKAC, DUGGAN

MELITA EAGLES
EATON, KNAUS, HEWLITT, DE BRUIN, A. EDWARDS, DUFFY, THORNE, HOARE, MARTIN, MALONEY, McDOUGALL

HAKOAH
HAFFEY, DAVEY, D. YAAGER, WATKISS, MARNOCH, WALSH, BLITZ, FEKETE, KEDDIE, BAARTZ, W. RUTHERFORD

PAN HELLENIC
CLARKE, APOSTILIDIS, HANSON, McCULLOCH, STANLEY, HIGNETT, POVEY, HARDING, SMITH, MOULSON, BARBOUTIS

MARCONI
MURRAY, ROCHE, NUTTALL, CONNOLLY, TAYLOR, MOSCHEN, GRIFFITH, MALONE, GIACOMETTI, SCHEINFLUG, JONES

APIA
RORKE, KEITH, ACKERLEY, McGILLIVRAY, SAMBROOK, BOTTALICO, BLUES, RIDLEY, CAMPBELL, McKINNON, MACKINNON

AUBURN
TAYLOR, SELFRIDGE, BRADY, STEWART, STRACHAN, MOFFATT, QUESTED, SCHNEIDER, HOGGART, McDONALD, LAMBERT

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TEAMS	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P	NEXT OPPONENT * Home match
Hakoah	6	6	—	—	29	4	12	4	4	—	—	20	4	8	2	2	—	—	9	—	4	Melita Eagles
St. George	6	5	—	1	19	6	10	3	3	—	—	11	3	6	3	2	—	1	8	3	4	
Ryde	5	3	1	1	9	8	7	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	4	2	1	1	7	7	5	Canterbury
Auburn	7	3	1	3	15	19	7	5	3	1	1	14	9	7	2	—	—	2	1	10	—	APIA
APIA	5	2	1	2	7	5	5	3	2	—	1	6	3	4	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	Auburn*
Marconi	6	2	1	3	9	10	5	3	2	—	1	6	4	4	3	—	1	2	3	6	1	Pan Hellenic
South Sydney	5	2	1	2	9	10	5	3	2	1	—	7	4	5	2	—	—	2	2	6	—	Prague
Prague	6	2	1	3	9	12	5	3	2	1	—	6	1	5	3	—	—	3	3	11	—	South Sydney*
Pan Hellenic	6	2	1	3	9	14	5	2	—	1	1	2	5	1	4	2	—	2	7	9	4	Marconi*
Melita Eagles	6	1	3	2	3	7	5	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	—	2	1	1	4	2	Hakoah*
Canterbury	7	1	2	4	10	22	4	3	—	1	2	2	11	1	4	1	1	2	8	11	3	Ryde*
South Coast	7	1	—	6	10	21	2	3	1	—	2	6	6	2	4	—	—	4	4	15	—	

LEADING SCORERS

Baartz (Hakoah)	11
Keddie (Hakoah)	9
Denton (St. George)	6
Quested (Auburn)	6
Abonyi (St. George)	4
Blitz (Hakoah)	4
Rutherford (Hakoah)	4
Schneider (Auburn)	4
Warren (St. George)	4

CROWDS

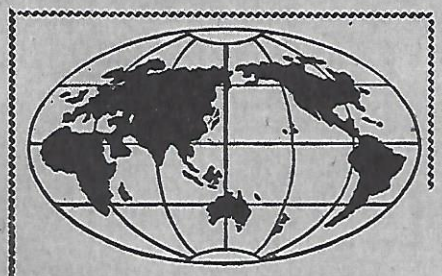
Last week's attendance: 17,015 (16,241).

Average per match: 2,836 (2,707).

Attendance after 6 rounds: 80,494 (92,007).

Weekly average attendance: 13,415 (15,284).

● **In brackets, last year's corresponding crowds.**



ROUND THE WORLD

Hans Tilkowski, Werder Bremen's coach, is opposed to his team's lengthy off-season tour which will take in Australia, Indonesia, the USA and Tahiti. He claims his players will be exhausted when they get back and may be jaded when the West German season resumes. He was over-ruled by the Bremen management, however, and the tour will go on as planned, with the Germans playing in Sydney on June 3.

Feyenoord's European Cup

Holland's Feyenoord prevented a clean sweep of European club competitions by British clubs when they defeated Celtic Glasgow in last week's European Champions' Cup final in Milan. Although the match went into extra-time, the Rotterdam team was on top throughout and fully deserved their win. Fullbacks scored both goals in the regulation 90 minutes — Gemmel for Celtic in the 29th minute and Israel for Feyenoord in the 31st. Ove Kindvall notched the winning goal three minutes before the end of the extra-time.

Albert returns

After an absence of 312 days, due to a serious ligament injury, Hungarian star Florian Albert recently returned to his club, Ferencvaros. During his convalescence the fans haven't forgotten their idol: for his first match against lowly SBTC 35,000 turned up — and about 1,000 cheered him after the match as he drove off in his elegant sports car.

New Austrian moves

The new president of the Austrian FA is Josef Geroe, a lawyer. Geroe, who succeeds the late Hans Walch, is the son of Austria's first post-war minister of justice. One of Geroe's first moves was to increase to three the number of foreign players allowed in each Austrian club. The Austrian FA also decided to curtail transfers during the two-month winter break in the competition and lift the ceiling on transfer fees.

Glamor German club ruined

Munchen 1860, not so long ago one of Europe's glamor clubs, have been relegated to West German regional status. Finishing second last in the Bundesliga, Munchen, who in 1965 lost a memorable European Cup-Winners' Cup final at Wembley to West Ham United, are also in a disastrous financial position. They are $400,000 in the red and their very existence is threatened.

Third place play-off?

Polish and English newspaper interests have sought the UEFA's permission to stage a home-and-away tie between beaten European Cup semi-finalists, Legia Warsaw and Leeds United. The Polish "Express Wex Wieczorny" and London's "Daily Mirror" want the tie to be an official play-off for third place in the Champions' Cup and are prepared to sponsor the matches, on May 20 in Warsaw, and in England some time in August.

● **Valcareggi, the Italian coach, will have four other coaches as observers in Mexico: Rocco (AC Milan), Pesaola (Fiorentina), Scopigno (Cagliari) and Heriberto Herrera (Inter Milan).**

● The Moroccan FA, disatisfied with coach Vidinic, offered the job of taking their national team to Mexico to Italian Oronzo Pugliese, who declined.

● **The superstitious Brazilian World Cup coach, Zagalo, invariably takes his players on the field for training wearing a jumper with number 13 on it.**

● A song by the famous Italian singer, Domenico Madugno, praising Cagliari's victory in the Italian championship, has become almost the national anthem of Sardinia. Thousands of posters featuring the lyrics of the song have appeared on walls all over the island.

● **France beat Rumania 2-0 at Rheims a fortnight ago. On the same day Brazil struggled to an unconvincing 1-0 win over Austria at Rio's Maracana Stadium. Later Brazil only drew 0-0 with Bulgaria "B".**

● Coman, Dinamo Bucharest's former Rumanian international goalkeeper, had his one-year suspension ratified by the FA. Coman had disappeared before a game and his club had to field an untried junior as their reserve 'keeper, Stana, was under suspension, and the third choice injured.

● Each Manchester City player is reported to have earned a $2,200 bonus for winning the European Cup-Winners' Cup final in Vienna on April 29.

● **A spectator was killed, six seriously injured, and a bus carrying the visiting team was burnt in a recent disturbance in Tunisia involving Second Division clubs, Menzel and Djerissa.**

● Benfica star Eusebio spent three days in a London clinic last week undergoing surgery for his injured knee.

● **West German national team boss, Helmut Schoen, has published his life story entitled: "A ball at my side forever."**

● Milan AC's Prati and Fiorentina's Chiarugi are the two notable omissions from Italy's World Cup "22". The Italians fly to Mexico on May 16.

● **Roger Magnusson, Marseille's Swedish winger, hasn't been selected for Mexico. His French club refused to release him unless the Swedish FA agreed to compensate them financially for his absence. They didn't.**

● Peru's most famous psychologist, Daniel Guillen, has been included in Peru's World Cup party at coach Didi's request.

● World Cup referees will only be assigned 48 hours before their matches and the lucky whistler who lands the final will only be told the night before.

● **Teams from behind the Iron Curtain will oppose Barcelona in their annual Juan Gamper Tournament this year. They are Ujpest of Hungary and Dynamo Moscow.**

● The season's last three matches at Glasgow's Hampden Park attracted a phenomenal total of 376,000 spectators. 108,000 saw the Celtic v. Aberdeen Scottish Cup final, and capacity crowds of 134,000 saw the European Cup semifinal between Leeds and Celtic and the Scotland v. England British championship match.

● **The Mexicans will be playing "warm-up" matches right up to the start of the World Cup finals. Their last opponents will be West German club Borussia Dortmund, on May 20.**

Petras still suspended

Inter Bratislava forward, Petras, seen here earlier this year, will miss Czechoslovakia's first match, against Brazil, in the World Cup. Petras, who was sent off in the qualifying play-off with Hungary in Marseille on December 3, was suspended for three international matches, and still has one match to serve.

FIFA's World Cup observers

FIFA's four observers at the World Cup finals will be Dettmar Cramer, the Italian Sandro Puppo, and Englishmen Ron Greenwood and Walter Winterbottom. Cramer will watch the Mexico City group, Winterbottom will be at Puebla and Toluca, Puppo at Guadalajara and Greenwood at Leon.

Salvadoran coach optimist

El Salvador's new coach, Hernan Carrasco Vivianco, is an optimist. The Chilean-born successor to the recently sacked Gregorio Bundia has been quoted as saying that El Salvador could qualify for the quarterfinals. Vivianco has arranged for his team, the World Cup's rank outsiders, to wind up their preparations with matches at home against Rapid, of Vienna, and Borussia Dortmund, the West German Bundesliga club.

All for one — or two . . .

Because of Rumanian clubs' disastrous performances in the European competitions, there are suggestions that, once again, all the best players in the country be taken together in one or two clubs. During the 1950's, CCA (now Steaua) achieved notable success at home and abroad by drafting every worthwhile Rumanian player into the armed forces. In 1953 CCA had 10 internationals in their side.

Asian club champion

The Iranian champions, Taj, from Teheran, won the third Asian Champions' Cup. Runners-up were Hapoel Tel-Aviv, the team Hakoah beat 7-1 in Sydney in 1965. Hapoel won the first Asian Cup, in 1967. In 1968 the title went to another Israeli club, Maccabi Tel-Aviv.

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GUILDFORD HEADING FOR TITLE AFTER EIGHT STRAIGHT WINS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Guildford now has eight straight wins after their 4-2 victory over North Bankstown at Guildford Park last Sunday.

The match at Guildford was as good as promised although Guildford took the field without ace goal-scorer Graham Hann, who is recovering from a muscle injury.

They were soon two goals ahead, one from a Norths own goal and one from Sheppard.

North Bankstown swung back into action, and had the better of play generally until early in the second half.

Guildford led at 3-2 with Schofield scoring the third.

It was not until Johnny Woods scored the fourth that Guildford had the game won.

Jeffs scores

A late goal from centre-forward Brian Jeffs gave West Sutherland a 2-2 draw with Marrickville at Mackey Park last Saturday.

Neither side played to the standard of which it was capable.

With Marrickville ahead, West Sutherland's captain, Stuart Marrick, scored from a free-kick.

WITH THE AMATEURS

The last 20 minutes were Sutherland's, but the score remained locked at 2-2.

Scots narrowly

University of NSW showed their calibre in readiness for the Australian Universities Championship at Cahill Park last Saturday.

Although they went down to Arncliffe Scots 0-1, this was unquestionably Scots hardest game to date.

Scots scored when a Ric. Hodgekins' shot screamed for the net and was deflected into the corner.

Fifth placed Warringah didn't click against Gladesville-Hornsby in the match at Pennant Hills Oval.

Two goals from Bill Travers and one from Dick Pope gave Gladesville a 3-0 win, and confirmed their second place.

Once again Jim Geppert was the motor in the Gladesville-Hornsby team, and undoubtedly was the best player afield on the day.

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
M'ville v. W. Sutherland	2-2	1-4
East Side v. Enmore	0-3	0-11
Riverside v. Sth. Sydney	5-0	4-1
Guildford v. N. B'town	4-2	1-1
Banks v. Wenty	3-3	2-2
Belmore v. Lane Cove	5-0	0-0
SECOND DIVISION		
G'ville v. Warringah	3-0	14-0
A'cffe Scots v. Uni. NSW	1-0	—
Revesby W. v. Yagoona	5-0	5-2
Blacktown v. Newtown	1-2	0-2
Condell Pk. v. Lidcombe	5-0	6-0
Kewpies v. C'town	1-0	1-0
THIRD DIVISION		
Rosebery v. Bondi	4-0	2-1
Nepean v. Liverpool	2-2	3-4
Sydney Uni. v. Auburn	1-1	5-1
Dee Why v. Fairfield	4-1	3-1
West Ryde v. Chelsea	4-3	4-2
Greenacre v. Ravens	0-5	1-4
FOURTH DIVISION		
Greenwich v. Magpie	5-1	1-3
Ku-ring-gai v. Maroubra	2-7	2-0
Thornleigh v. Castle Hill	4-2	2-1
Padstow v. A'cffe RSL	3-1	1-7
Queens P. v. Revesby R.	10-1	4-0

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, MAY 17

First Division: Wenty v. Marrickville — Jones Park, Enmore v. Riverside — Mackey Park, North Bankstown v. Belmore — George Green.

Second Division: Warringah Saints v. Arncliffe Scots — Dee Why Oval, Yagoona v. Kewpies — O'Neil Park, Campbelltown v. Condell Park — Campbelltown Showground.

Third Division: Gladesville v. Dee Why — Peel Park, Fairfield v. Rosebery Rhodes — Knight Park, Chelsea v. Nepean — Moore Park, Auburn v. Greenacre — Progress Park.

Fourth Division: Castle Hill v. Annandale — Castle Hill Showground, Arncliffe RSL v. Ku-ring-gai — Arncliffe Park, Revesby Rovers v. Thornleigh — Amour Park.

Adelaide soccer crowds could increase dramatically in the near future by the introduction of a proven box-office attraction — sex.

The fairer sex, led by Maria Antal (51-2648 or 12 Formby St., Hilton), is determined to organise a regular girls competition.

The idea is not to play remote games on Sundays but to stage a mini league competition during the half-time breaks at First Division games.

Would any red-blooded male object to such temptation?

The only ones we can think of are the barmen whose interval liquor sales would surely slump.

— ALLAN CRISP

Cup goes to APIA

APIA kept the inter-city Ampol Cup trophy in Sydney by holding South Melbourne-Hellas to a 1-1 draw in Melbourne last Friday night.

APIA won the home-and-away tie with an aggregate score of 4-3, having won the first leg 3-2 in Sydney last month.

Playing on a wet, muddy surface, the Sydneysiders never really looked like losing the lead they established in the Sydney match and were always in fair command, especially in the midfield where Hellas found it hard to gain control.

APIA's attacks were also more frequent and dangerous than Hellas', but poor finishing — the same old story! — nullified some splendid lead-up work by Campbell, McKinnon and Blues.

APIA, however, took the lead in the 44th minute when Blues beat Stephens from about 12 yards with a seemingly harmless shot.

Hellas tried desperately to get back into the tie after the interval, but APIA's defence held firm and with Rorke now at the peak of his form, it was a futile attempt.

APIA were still very dangerous whenever they broke away, and looked set for a 1-0 win when Stan Ackerley was inexplicably sent off by referee Lamb.

The Victorians were quick to exploit their depleted opponents' handicap, and just on fulltime High let fly with a hard shot Rorke could not hold.

Hellas: Stephens, Kyriazis, Rutherford, Bedford, Walker, High, Damanaikos, Ackerley, Armstrong, Gorrie, Gould (Kokkinos).

APIA: Rorke, Keith, Ackerley, McGillivray, Sambrook, Bottalico, Blues, Ridley, Campbell, McKinnon, Montgomery.

Scorers: Blues 44 min. for APIA, High 90 min. for SM-Hellas.

Crowd: 4,500.

Referee: G. Lamb (Vic).

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's results: Concord v. Viking 3-1, 3-1; Pyrmont v. Broughton 2-1, 0-4; Spanish v. Toongabbie 4-0, 1-0; Belfield v. Vaucluse 11-0, 3-0.

Standings: Belfield, Glebe 12; Concord 10; Pyrmont 8; Spanish, Broughton 5; Viking 4; Toongabbie, Vaucluse 2.

This Sunday's KO Cup draw: Toongabbie v. Concord (Cintra Park), Glebe v. Spanish, Belfield v. Spanish (Beamont Park), Vaucluse v. Broughton, Vaucluse v. Spanish (Outer Wentworth Park), Pyrmont v. Viking (Eastern Park).

WA HOLDS VISITORS

Manchester City were held to a shock 1-1 by Western Australia in the opening match of their Australian tour in Perth last Sunday.

Centre-forward Owen scored for the visitors in the 10th minute, but the expected avalanche of goals never materialised.

It was WA who equalised right on halftime through centre-forward Haydn of Tricolore.

City, fielding five reserves, tried desperately for the winning goal, but came up against some absolutely brilliant goalkeeping by the Wests' Nuttridge — the undoubted hero of WA's finest soccer hour.

VIC. TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	6	1	0	20	8	13
Croatia	4	1	2	14	7	9
JUST	4	1	2	18	13	9
Hellas	3	3	1	8	7	9
Melbourne	3	2	2	14	9	8
Wilhelmina	3	2	2	14	10	8
Polonia	3	1	3	11	9	7
Alexander	1	3	3	8	14	5
George Cross	1	2	4	9	14	4
Lions	1	2	4	9	19	4
Hakoah	1	2	3	5	12	4
Slavia	0	2	4	4	12	2

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Polonia 5 (Widera 2, Siwka, Czapnik, Plaskota) d. Alexander 0; Hellas 1 (Ackerley) drew with Slavia 1 (Steele), Wilhelmina 2 (Pye, Spiekerman) d. Lions 1 (Keenan); Juventus 3 (Thomson, Di Marchi, Frost) d. Croatia 2 (Williams, Vojtek), Melbourne-HSC 3 (Keri 2, Pocock) d. George Cross 2 (Smart, Sanchez); JUST 4 Zoraja 3, Buljevic) d. Hakoah 0.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

South Melbourne-Hellas, who recently recruited defender Alan Rutherford from the Southern League in England and who has quickly earned himself a first team place, have a 21-year-old striker — John Marshall due from the same source soon.

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Nearly three years ago Juventus bought fullback Joe Sonsini from Triestina for a considerable fee. For the past year Sonsini has not been able to command a regular first team place with Juventus and has been loaned for the rest of the season back to the struggling Triestina now in the Metropolitan Third Division and not so long back a State League side.

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Polonia are expecting a new defender from Poland in the near future. He is Marek Konopka, a centre-half who is with Second Division side RKS Garbana (Krakow).

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The once great Slavia, now struggling for their existence in the State League, will be further depleted soon when fullback Allan McBain, wing-half Alan Reed and winger Jimmy Gildea all return to the UK.

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Thirty of Victoria's best under-16 youths are preparing for the carnival in South Australia later this year. Zvonimir Rasic, the State and Melbourne-HSC coach, is in charge of the players assisted by Ian Petherick the former Slavia player.

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Victoria play their return game with South Australia in Adelaide on the Queen's Birthday holiday — June 15.

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Soccer suffered a blow with the closing down of "Newsday" in Melbourne. For this publication in their seven-month existence gave bigger cover to the game than any other Melbourne publication.

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Norman Davie, the Melbourne forward, suffered a leg fracture in the closing stages of the game against George Cross and was taken to Prince Henry hospital.

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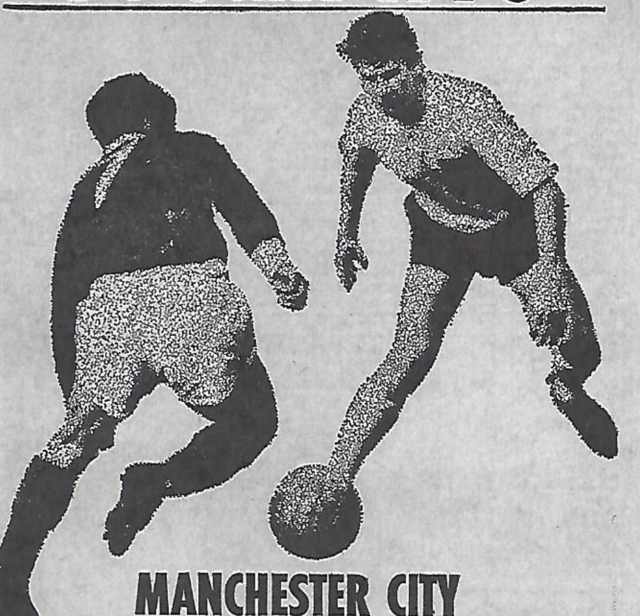

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TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	6	—	—	18	3	12
South Coast	4	1	2	10	7	9
South Sydney	4	—	2	17	9	8
Marconi	3	2	1	8	6	8
Melita Eagles	3	1	2	11	8	7
Auburn	2	2	3	11	14	6
APIA	2	1	2	11	11	5
Canterbury	2	1	4	7	16	5
Hakoah	1	2	3	9	8	4
Pan Hellenic	2	—	4	9	12	4
St. George	2	—	4	7	13	4
Ryde	—	2	4	7	17	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Coast	6	—	1	15	6	12
South Sydney	5	1	—	17	6	11
Prague	4	1	1	17	4	9
Hakoah	4	1	1	16	4	9
Pan Hellenic	3	1	2	11	9	7
St. George	3	—	3	11	7	6
APIA	2	2	1	7	6	6
Auburn	2	—	5	9	11	4
Ryde	1	2	3	6	10	4
Marconi	1	1	4	10	19	3
Melita Eagles	1	1	4	4	12	3
Canterbury	—	—	7	2	29	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	5	1	—	17	5	11
Manly	5	1	—	16	8	11
Polonia	4	1	1	15	5	9
Artarmon	3	2	1	9	8	8
Sutherland	3	1	2	11	5	7
Balgownie	3	1	2	10	8	7
Bankstown	3	1	2	13	13	7
NS-Inter	2	2	2	12	10	6
Concordia	1	1	4	6	12	3
Granville	1	—	5	8	16	2
Hornsby-NE	—	1	5	5	18	1
Corinthians	—	—	6	8	22	—

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	6	—	—	26	9	12
Western Subs.	5	1	—	24	8	11
Artarmon	5	1	—	17	6	11
Balgownie	3	1	2	13	10	7
Bankstown	3	1	2	12	13	7
Polonia	3	—	3	10	7	6
Sutherland	3	—	3	12	12	6
Corinthians	2	—	4	13	16	4
Granville	2	—	4	12	15	4
Concordia	1	—	5	4	19	2
NS-Inter	—	1	5	9	19	1
Hornsby-NE	—	1	5	3	21	1

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	5	1	—	18	3	11
Bankstown	5	1	—	25	6	11
Manly	5	—	1	12	5	10
Western Subs.	4	1	1	25	4	9
Granville	4	1	1	11	5	9
Sutherland	3	—	3	18	14	6
Artarmon	2	—	4	10	11	4
Polonia	2	—	4	11	12	4
Hornsby-NE	2	—	4	13	23	4
Corinthians	1	—	5	5	19	2
Concordia	1	—	5	4	17	2
NS-Inter	—	—	6	2	35	—

AMATEURS

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	8	—	—	27	7	16
Enmore	5	2	—	22	5	12
W. Sutherland	4	3	1	25	14	11
N. Bankstown	4	1	2	14	13	9
Banks City	3	2	3	15	18	8
Wenty	1	5	1	13	13	7
Marrickville	2	2	3	14	12	6
Belmore	2	2	3	16	17	6
Riverside R.	2	2	3	12	17	6
Lane Cove	1	3	4	9	18	5
East Side	2	—	6	16	24	4
South Sydney	—	—	8	5	30	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'cffe Scots	5	2	—	14	3	12
Uni. NSW	5	1	2	17	8	11
Gladesville	5	1	1	16	6	11
Condell Park	4	1	2	23	11	9
Campbelltown	4	1	2	13	10	9
Newtown	3	2	3	13	11	8
Warringah	3	1	3	17	12	7
Kewpie	3	1	3	12	13	7
Revesby W.	2	1	3	14	14	5
Yagoona	2	—	6	9	25	4
Blacktown	1	1	6	10	22	3
Lidcombe	1	—	7	10	30	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	7	—	—	47	6	14
Bondi	6	1	1	22	10	13
Ravens	5	2	—	27	10	12
Sydney Uni.	3	2	3	16	18	8
Chelsea	3	1	3	20	15	7
Nepean	2	3	2	16	17	7
Dee Why	3	1	3	12	23	7
Auburn	2	1	4	16	14	5
West Ryde	2	1	5	18	21	5
Liverpool	2	1	5	8	26	5
Greenacre	1	1	5	6	31	3
Fairfield-Kiev	1	—	6	6	23	2

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Queen's Park	7	1	—	35	6	15
Maroubra	6	—	2	39	7	12
A'cffe RSL	6	—	1	28	13	12
Greenwich	5	2	1	20	12	12
Magpie	5	1	2	26	16	11
Thornleigh	3	1	3	12	27	7
Padstow Park	3	—	5	31	20	6
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	4	17	19	6
Castle Hill	2	—	5	23	34	4
Revesby Rovers	1	—	6	10	30	2
Annandale	—	—	6	6	43	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)

St. George v. SCU	0-2	—
Ryde v. Prague	1-3	0-1
Marconi v. Auburn	1-0	3-1
SCU v. Canterbury	2-0	3-0
Hakoah v. St. George	4-1	0-1
Melita v. APIA	2-2	1-1
S. Sydney v. P. Hellenic	3-1	1-1

SECOND DIVISION

(All Grades)

Art'mon v. B'gownie	2-2	2-0 0-2
NS-Inter v. Corins.	5-1	1-3 0-3
Wests v. Granv.	1-0	3-2 0-1
Manly v. C'cordia	2-0	3-0 2-0
B'town v. Polonia	2-2	3-0 2-1
S'land v. Hornsby	1-1	2-0 4-3

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

MANLY MAY SLIP FROM LEAD THIS WEEKEND

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Artarmon, Bankstown and Hornsby provided the upsets of the sixth round when all three clubs forced draws against more fancied opponents.

Unbeaten Manly and Western Suburbs both won rather unconvincingly, but remain joint leaders.

Highlights of last week's matches were:

Artarmon v. Balgownie 2-2

Balgownie held an edge on Artarmon in the first half and first Ron McGarry, and then Graham Baker gave them a deserved and comfortable 2-0 lead at half-time.

After the resumption, Artarmon played with more determination and ventured more in attack which resulted in two good goals by Nacinovich and Seaborn.

Artarmon: Lamb; Amor, M. Nacinovich; McGuinness, Mack, Hardy; Seaborn (1), K. Nacinovich (1), Mula, Morgan, Haynes (May).

Balgownie: Nuell; Thommeny, Davies; Grant, Orphin, McCullagh; Baker (1), Beard, McGarry (1), Freeme, Paterson.

NS-Inter v. Corinthians 5-1

Corinthians were first to score early, and although Inter equalised within 10 minutes this half was evenly contested.

However, as the game progressed, Inter started to take control of the game and midway through the second half scored four goals within 10 minutes to finish right on top.

Second grader Carlos Rojas, who replaced Ruttley at half-time, scored a good hat-trick for Inter.

NS-Inter: Power; Slater, Stuart; Alvarez, Ledesma, Martinez; Ruttley (Rojas 3), Santoro (1), Valdemar (1), F. Caridad, Aldridge.

Corinthians: Ryan; Yates, Haggett; Cooper, Russell, Smith; R. Clarke, O'Dell, Alan (Watkins), Townsend, Williams (1).

Bankstown v. Polonia 2-2

For the second consecutive week, Bankstown had to overcome a two-goal deficit.

Polonia, who finished the game with nine men after Hoare was injured and Krawiarz sent-off, had a 2-0 lead at half-time.

However, Bankstown, who missed a penalty in the first half, came back strongly towards the end of the game and notched two goals to share the points.

Over 1,000 people watched this game in which four Polish newcomers made their first appearance for Polonia hours after they arrived in Sydney from Warsaw.

Bankstown: Friedl; Fitzgerald, Sheldrick; Farrell, Maugham, Paterson; Roberts (Goose), White, Mullen (1), Madden, W. Clarke (P. Clarke 1).

Polonia: Tipping; Round, Calphy; Oliver, Starek (Adamson), Winiarski; Wozniczka, Grudzinski, Szmit, Krawiarz (1), Hoare (1).

Manly v. Concordia 2-0

Concordia stood up well in the first half and there was very little between the teams at this stage, but after the resumption Manly pressed harder and once Hughes scored the first goal there was never any doubt about the final result.

Bert Jagger played well for Manly and newcomer Glen Mapstone was in good form for Concordia.

Manly: Gee; Tatt, G. Jones; Hutchison, Jagger, McGill; Hughes (1), Hendry, McDonald (1), Stocks, Crawford.

Concordia: Mapstone; Besseling, Fransejevic; Tulloch, Muller, Eichert; Mestrum (Whyte), Erasmus, Smit, Gillespie, Kappacher.

Sutherland v. Hornsby-NE 1-1

Hornsby-NE took off from the bottom of the table in fine style with a great performance and were unlucky not to take both points home.

They fought with a newfound confidence and morale that had Sutherland reeling for most of the game.

Sutherland had difficulty containing the hard-running Hornsby and when they attacked could not get past goalkeeper Chris Campbell, who gave an outstanding display.

Sutherland: Earl; Perry, Hoard; Bennett, Cilia, Watts; Caygill, Lavan, Johnson, Woods (1), Cooper.

Hornsby-NE: Campbell; Shields, Baber; Gray, Hughes, Stokes; Gaskill, Brown (1), Dickerson, Ramsay (Vickers), Evans, (Barman).

Western Suburbs v. Granville 1-0

Wests could only score one goal, although they controlled most of the game.

Gerry Hood was the scorer 20 minutes from the start, after which Granville put up a solid defensive wall Wests could not breach.

Matt Guildea took Wests' pivot position in this game, replacing Thomson who was in bed with the 'flu.

Wests:: Kelly, Van Blerk, Hargreaves; Harrison, Guildea, Blue; McMeechan, Bijkerk, Hood (1), Byles, Pont (Scully).

Granville: Maher; Pendleton, Conroy; Brooks, Staunton, Biglands; Loftus, Williams, Miranda, Reid, O'Neill.

THIS WEEK

The clash between Manly and Polonia North Side at Bankstown Soccer Centre should draw another large crowd as this game will have a big bearing on the promotion ambitions of both sides.

Polonia, reinforced with new players from Poland, should be favorites to win, but Manly have recovered well from earlier setbacks and have yet to be beaten in the competition.

In other matches Concordia may provide stiff opposition against Wests, but the latter should finish on top while at Acron Oval, St. Ives, Artarmon could well take one or both points against Bankstown.

At Balgownie Oval, the home side should have little trouble keeping both points at home, while Sutherland would have to improve to win at Granville.

North Sydney-Inter should have too much experience for Hornsby.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 16

NSW v. Manchester City — Sydney Sportsground

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Prague v. South Sydney — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Ryde — watch Press for venue
Melita Eagles v. Hakoah — Mona Park
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Auburn — Lambert Park

Granville v. Sutherland — Macarthur Park
Concordia v. Western Suburbs — Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia v. Manly — Bankstown Soccer Centre
Artarmon v. Bankstown — Acron Oval
Hornsby-NE v. NS-Inter — Jenner Road Stadium
Balgownie v. Corinthians — Balgownie Oval

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

St. George v. APIA — Marks Field, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Ryde v. St. George — Marks Field
Artarmon v. Bankstown — Artarmon Reserve

SUNDAY, MAY 24

South Sydney v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
Marconi v. Prague — Marconi Oval
South Coast v. Melita Eagles — Woonona Oval
APIA v. Hakoah — Lambert Park
Auburn v. Pan Hellenic — Mona Park

NS-Inter v. Granville — Cammeray Park
Sutherland v. Concordia — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Polonia — Drummoyne Oval
Bankstown v. Balgownie — Bankstown Oval
Corinthians v. Hornsby-NE — Jubilee Oval

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TIPPING CONTEST COUPON No. 5

These are my forecasts for the NSW First and Second Division matches to be played on May 23-24. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw and 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

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MARCONI v. PRAGUE ....
RYDE v. ST. GEORGE ....
SOUTH SYDNEY v. CANTERBURY ....
SOUTH COAST v. MELITA EAGLES ....
APIA v. HAKOAH ....
AUBURN v. PAN HELLENIC ....
MANLY v. ARTARMON ....
NS-INTER v. GRANVILLE ....
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SYDNEY MINOR GRADES

SECOND GRADE

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Prague 3: Tuinman, Hill, McLoughlin, Parkhouse, Pedersen, Bujac, R. Manuel, Jensén, Anisis, Lissing (1), Pollard (2).

Referee: T. Davies.

Hakoah 4: Fuzes, Sutherland, Gow, Reichard, Smith, Isaac, Edwards (1), Ross, Gardiner, Burns (2), Balafas (1).

St. George 1: Donovan, Peade, Gross, Bushby, Tarver, Freer, Piggott, Campbell, Mansfield, Fernandez, Williams (Brandon 1).

Referee: N.F. Jones.

South Coast 2: Hughes, Carr, Ringland (1), Flanagan, Bradford, Shepherd (1), Matthews, Peachey, Newman, Stewart, Hanrahan.

Canterbury 0: Stern, Waters, Castairs, Brown, Dominici, Katsaras, Spresian, Como, Cox, Poletto, Kovacic.

Referee: F. Johns.

South Sydney 3: Easter, Darvill, Carr (Williams 1), J. Yaager, R. Page, Campbell, Frakes, Thomson, Dalforno, Ross (1), Reynolds (1).

Pan Hellenic 1: Maglis, Walker, Dimitriades, Nikolopoulos, Sparsis, Stzelma, Garrett (1), Zounis (Petsalis), Patrinos, Hoxha (Bardetta), Demos.

Referee: K. Small.

Melita Eagles 2: Hoszowski, Brown (Williams), Henretty, Cunningham (Wardrope), J. McAusland, McAlister, Constable, Smith, Sims, Kerklaan (1), Azzopardi (1).

APIA 2: McQuire, Callaghan, McNamara, Parkin, A. Smart, Russell, Pedulla, Smith, Burnett (1), Butler, G. McKinnon (1).

Referee: B. Thompson.

THIRD GRADE

Ryde 0: Clarke, McNaughton, Dick, Bateman, Bakaric, Balenzuela, Eykelenkamp, Griffith, Beaton, M. McLeod, G. McLeod.

Prague 1: Dawson, McComish, Jennings, Parkhouse, Spinks, S. Butt, Brooks, Cronk, Seluage, K. Butt (1), Boland.

Referee: A. McKenzie.

Hakoah 0: Carsten, Norman, Belgre, Lynch, Brown, Goldstein, Reynolds, McAusland, Barnes, Silvers, Markovic.

St. George 1: Klein, Wilson, Joyce, Howell, Zuckerman, Atkins, King, Bruce, May (1), Harris, Hilton.

Referee: T. Davies.

South Coast 3: Hughes, Magno, Bradford, Crowe, Campbell (1), Thompson, Young, Stewart (2), Love, James, Paterson.

Canterbury 0: Behrens, Loftus, Traikopoulos, Katsidis, Lamont, Turko, Bee, Rinos, Hardy, Ible, Alexiou.

Referee: F. Shuttleworth.

South Sydney 1: Threlfo, Roberts, Bramston, Platt, B. Woods, S. Woods, Waldock, Slater, P. Page, Elder, McCarry (1).

Pan Hellenic 1: Chialis, Papadopoulos, Brown, Sotos, Conditsis, M. Peters, M.W. Peters, Anastasiades, Koudounis, Zanakis, Hatzikalymniou, Pickles (1).

Referee: T. Cahill.

Melita Eagles 1: Debono, Manias, Abello, Curini, M. Fazackerley, Agius, M. Fazackerley, Pondekos, Carr (1), Sammut, Chircop.

APIA 1: Hudson, Gough, Lattani, Steel, Smart, Siddle, Lewis, Grbevski, Lamotta (1), Cosella, Morrison.

Referee: C. De Looper.

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